

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. As requested by the Examiner, with this amendment, Applicant submits a copy of the Express Mail label which indicates a deposit date of December 10, 2001 with the U.S. Post Office and thus a filing date of December 10, 2001. Claims 1, 6, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,608,917 (Wei, *et al*). The Examiner objected to claims 2-5 and 7-10 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of their base claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for so indicating.

Section 102(e) states, in relevant part, "the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent" The Wei reference cited in the Action has the same inventors as the present application, Guo-Qing Wei and Jianzhong Qian, and is assigned to the same entity, Siemens Corporate Research, Inc. Thus, the Wei reference is not "a patent granted on an application for patent by another", and thus the Wei reference does not qualify as prior art under section 102(e). Therefore, Applicant urges that independent claims 1, 6, and 11 are not anticipated by Wei. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these section 102 rejections are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant urges that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on this case is respectfully requested.

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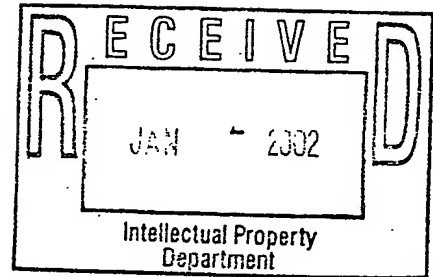
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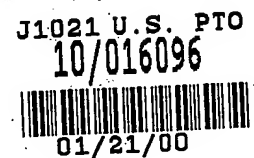
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